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FIVE CENTS In New York City

Wilson Fixes Wheat Price At Old Figure

Last Year's \$2.20 a Bushel Minimum Ordered Continued

Forestalls Action Proposed in Congress

Stimulation of Spring Planting Also Considered -Farmers Praised

WAHINGTON, Feb. 23 .- A price of Wilson to-night for the coming season's wheat yield. The price is for No. 1 Northern spring wheat at Chicago, with s scale of differentials for other mar-

extent from those now operative, and ange from a minimum of \$2 to a maxi-

In fixing a price now for the new crop, anticipate legislation pending in Congress to fix prices at from \$2.25 to \$3. Wise men district leaders had expected, prominently in agricultural affairs in The other was to stimulate spring

Close-Down Was Feared

officials feared that mills soon would have to close down. Hoping the gislation would pass, farmers, it is

on's flour and bread programme.

President's Statement

statement accompanying his started for the movies. present processing from the the job until 10 o'clock at night.

tions of the world that are now cut off from transportation should again come into competition with his products. To increase the price of wheat above the present figure, or to agitate any increase of price, would have the effect of very seriously hampering the large operations of the nation and of the Allies by causing the wheat of last year's crop to be withheld from the market. It would, moreover, dislocate all the present wage levels that have been established after much anxious discussion and would therefore, create

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"I know the spirit of our farmers and have not the least doubt as to the loyalty with which they will accept the present decision. The fall wheat planting, which furnishes two-thirds of our wheat production, took place with no other insurance than this, and the farmers' confidence was demonstrated by the fact that they planted an acrease larger than the record of any preeding year, larger by 2.000,000 acress than the second largest record year, and Tytologoon cares more than the away crage for the five years before the outbreak of the European war.

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"No, madam. We have to repeat it brocksess of its exportation. This supervision necessarily amounted to price fixing, and I therefore thought it fair and wise that there should be a price stated that should be at once liberal and equitable.

"Next to the Soldier"

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"Now the special in the farmer at the very centre of war service. Next to the soldier and the world, and serving it in a way which is absolutely fundamental to his own future safety and prosperity. He sees this, and can be relied upon as the other of war service are farmer is also contributing.

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Miss Estelle Waid paid the penalty for being the first person to register in the 27th Election District of the 27th Election District. She was informed by one of the standers by that it was a custom for the first vote to be sorving the output and the world, and serving it in a way which is absolutely fundamental to his own future safety and prosperity. He seed this, and can be relied upon as the other than the commercial advantages founted the immediately adjoining counties could buy ment, margarine and butter without preducing a ration card, when the stores open on Monday the terms of its day on which persons living in London and the immediately adjoin

"Non-Sinkable" Ship Sails

A GULF PORT, Feb. 23.-The former Austrian steamer Lucia, equipped with a new "non-sinkable" system, has sailed from here with a cargo. The steamer is equipped with more than 12,000 air and water tight cells, which the inventor claims will keep the vessel afloat even should she be torpedoed.

This is the invention to which William L. Saunders, chairman of the Naval Consulting Board, recently said he had referred when on May 5 last he attracted the attention of the country by announcing that the U-boat menace had been solved. The Lucia is a 9,000-ton vessel. The work of equipping her has taken about eight months. The method used is the Donnelly system, which has been very successful in small boats used by coast lifesavers.

Murphy Lines Many Women Fail to Register Up Farmers to For First Ballot Beat Whitman

Suffragists Disappointed at Fusion Drive Under Way, the Total for Congress With Dean Bailey as Elections Head of Ticket

frequent conferences here between representatives of farmers' organizations

Senator Wagner believes that the

It was a fine day for babies and voters. The women voters of New York ALBANY, Feb. 23 .- A fusion of Dem-City took advantage of the sunny after- ocrats and farmers in this state next noon to register at the district polling fall is planned by Charles F. Murphy, places for the special elections for leader of Tammany Hall, and some of members of Congress on March 5. his upstate regents. Liberty Hyde

The numbers were a disappointment Bailey, of Ithaca, former dean of the to suffrage leaders, who expected most State Agricultural College at Cornell of the new voters to grasp the first op- University, is reported to have been two objects in view. The first was to portunity to exercise their franchise, selected to head the ticket. Bailey is but the total was just about what the a Democrat. Others who have figured

"Twenty per cent will be a big reg- the state, irrespective of party affiliaistration," said William B. Seldon, dep- tions, will be offered places on the uty county clerk and a Democratic cap- state ticket, and farmers who want to tain in the 13th Assembly District. run in the Democratic primaries for The introduction of the price-raising "We had four hundred men voters in nomination on the Senate and Assembills had begun to check the flow of this precinct at the last election, and bly tickets can have the backing of the market, and food administraif we get seventy-five or a hundred Democratic organization if they promisla feared that mills soon if we get seventy-five or a hundred ise to play fair with Fourteenth Street.

More than one tired business man, approaching his barber shop polling ers of rural districts conceived the idea put a guaranteed price of \$2 on place yesterday, was amazed at the season's crop, and this has been sight of four or five baby carriages durphy in New York City. Murphy inmoved as a minimum price. To moved there where rever woman tark past the baby carriage fleet ran the risk leader of the Senate. of having their throats cut in the procthe bills passed, the gov-d be forced to raise pres-the new levels, and that ing over the registration books. There was a rush of business during the morning marketing hours, and again in the evening, as husbands and wives started for the movies.

Miss Adeline Sterling, secretary of the Woman Suffrage party, was an-

the Food Control Act of Aug-

guaranteed price assures the register yesterday was Mrs. Joseph S. by guarantee of the world that are now cut off the world that are now cut of the world that are now cut of the world that are now cut of the world that are world that are now cut off past six in the morning, so that she

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W. Va.

The Greenbrier. European plan. Wonderful curature waters. N. Y. Office, The Plaza.—Advi.

In most cases thousands sought in vain to get extra supplies to tide them over the still more lean days to come.

Of War Now Saps Morale Of Germans

Next Three Months to Settle Her Fate in Economic Siege -Raw Material Shortage Drives Her People to Paper Woven Clothing

Railways Break Down in Press of Transportation of Military Shipments, Coal and Food - Scarcity of Fats a Menace

By Arthur S. Draper

LONDON, Feb. 17. The real ques-

The plan has been under discussion some weeks, it was learned to-ht. Ex-Senator T. Harvey Ferris,

tain little economic assistance from the

The anti-Whitman forces have met realized late in the first year of the war that Armageddon was to be

none but farmers have places in this council. These resolutions also asked for the ousting of Charles H. Betts, Republican leader of Wayne County, from the sceretaryship of the council and the placing in his stead of a farmer with a stead of a Shortage Undermining

Broadly speaking, the Central Powers are in this position:

1. The shortage of animal and vegetable fats has undermined the health and sapped the energy of the people to a considerable degree.

2. Germany is shut off from imports, 58 per cent of which in 1913 consisted of raw material, and is experiencing an acute shortage of cotton, wool, silk, flax, hemp and jute. This has forced the use as substitutes of paper-woven fabrics unsatisfactory for resisting cold and for withstanding wear.

1. It is impossible to "starve out" Germany; yet in a sense the inbahitants of the besieged cities have collapsed in part. The worst pinch of the war will come between the end of February and May.

2. A bloody revolution in Germany during the war is improbable, though the further prolongation of the conflict is likely to bring more strikes and passive resistance to the militarists. Even the army may be affected.

affected.

3. German morale has greatly deteriorated, not so much because of the shortage of food as of the irksomeness of restrictions and the suspicion that certain classes are en-

Here follows the report of a correficre tollows the report of a correspondent in Switzerland:

"There is no party in Germany which views the war in the same light that the mass of the people did in August, 1914, Germany's war party, the Junkers and Pan-Germans, say that now Russia is out of it, the Germans certainly cannot lose the war and nave a fair chance to win it. Many of those in the middle class are making money, and to them the commercial advantages.

Worst Pinch Germany Heaps Up Demands In New Peace Offer to Russia



Says German Alliance Here

Witness Accuses Big Teu- grants, there is no record that that is being done. On the other hand, he de- Robert Gray, Jr., of New ton Society at Senate

tional German American Alliance was pictured before a Senate Judiciary subcommittee to-day by Gustavus Ohlinger, a Toledo lawyer, as a cover for German propaganda in the United States. Mr. Ohlinger was the first witness at hearings on the bill by Senator King, of Utah, to revoke the charter of the alliance and wind up its affairs and those of its state organizations.

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The sub-committee proposes later to call officials of the alliance, including the president, the Rev. S. G. von Bosse, of Wilmington, Del., and the secretary, Adolph Timm, of Philadelphia, in order to bear their side of the case.

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The fireworks began late this afternoon when Senator Perry demanded that the Republican caucus loyalty resolutions, omitting reference to La Follette for the sake of harmony in the party, be amended to include the nume of La Follette. The resolutions have already passed the Assembly without mention of La Follette.

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German Kultur, and that he should be proud of it as a means of showing his loyalty to his native country. In the same issue a poetic writer declared in verse that the oath of allegiance to the United States did not include a dec-laration that he would fight against

Helps Enemy

The bylaws of the organization belie its real purpose, Mr. Ohlinger said, for, although they declare one object is to teach American ideals to German immiclared, the entire activity in that respect is confined to urging the teaching of German in the public schools.

Wisconsin Senators

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The witness said that a former president of the alliance, C. J. Hexamer, of Philadelphia, received from Emperor William in 1904 the Fourth Order of the Red Eagle for his "services to German kultur" in the United States. It was Hexamer, he asserted, who sent telegraphic messages to the presidents of the state alliances instructing them to the wire President Wilson that a majority of the citizens of their states copposed any drastic action against feer may as the result of the sinking of the Lustiania.

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Preceding the national political conventions in 1916, the witness continued, the alliance worked against the renomination of President Wilson and urged its members to aid in bringing about the defeat of Theodore Roosevelt for the Republican nomination, both on the theory that neither favored "strict neutrality" and that both were opposed to German interests in this country.

A letter addressed to German-Americans in this country, published in an alliance bulletin issued in Chicago, Mr. Ohlinger said, urged all citizens of German additionable in the favored Germanism." That letter, he said, was written by former Representative Bartholdt, of Missouri, who was active in obtaining passage of the bill giving the alliance bulletin issued in July, 1917, the witness told the committee, a written declared that every German in the United States was a pioneer in the Lunited States was a pioneer in the control of the Representative Bartholdt, of Missouri, who was active in obtaining passage of the bill giving the alliance that every German in the United States was a pioneer in the United States was a pioneer in the Lunited States with the clear the Large the Lunited States th

Fliers Die When 'Planes Crash in Air

York, Victim of Collision Near Memphis

Declaring that much of his testimonay was based on information taken from literature sent to members, Mr. Oblinger said the operation of the organization in the United States was similar to the propaganda system by which Germany brought Austria under its completed dominance. He had not completed his testimony when the committee adjourned to-night, and he will be called again Monday.

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The call came after one of the most dramatic sessions in the history of the flying field. Cadet Gray, who lacked but one hour's work at range-finding before completing training for a commission as a second lieutenant, was in the other machine alone and was operating out of the northern half of the flying field. Cadet Gray, who lacked but one hour's work at range-finding before completing training for a commission as a second lieutenant, was in the other machine was in the other machine was in the other machine and was operating out of the southern half of the flying field. Cadet Gray, who lacked but one hour's work at range-finding before completing training for a commission as a second lieutenant, was in the other machine divided but one hour's work at range-finding before completing training for a commission as a second lieutenant, was in the other machine was operating out of the southern half of the flying field. Cadet Gray, who lacked but one hour's work at range-finding before completing training for a commission as a second lieutenant, was in the other machine and was operating out of the flying field. The call came after one of the machine and the flying field. The subscience of the flying f

the chair refused. Then they threatened to clear the galleries themselves and were rapped to order.

Spanish Ship on Way

To U. S. Is Torpedoed

Tranklin Fairchild was the only son of Congressman Ben L. Fairchild, who represents the 24th Congress District, comprising the upper Bronx and the lower part of Westchester. The young aviator was graduated from Yale with the class of 1917.

Now Seeks All of Courland, Parts of Esthonia and Livonia

Must Answer Within 48 Hours

Austria Adheres to the Terms Offered to Trotzky at Brest-Litovsk

LONDON, Feb. 23 .- Enormous new demands are made on Russia by Germany as the price of peace, a Russian official wireless message received here te-night from Petrograd reveals.

The line shown by General Hoffmann at Brest-Litovsk as the future boundary of Russia is changed to take in still more territory in the region of Dvinsk; the Russian army and fleet are to be demobilized; the Central Powers are to have complete power of disposal over the Baltic provinces, Lithuania, Poland and the Ukraine; and great commercial concessions are demanded, including the free expor without tariff of ores.

The treaty of peace must be ac cepted in forty-eight hours, signed at Brest-Litovsk within three days and ratified within two weeks. The wireless follows:

"Germany will renew the peace negotiations and will conclude peace on the following conditions: "Both to declare the war ended "All regions west of the line indicated at Brest-Litovsk to the Russian

delegation, which formerly belonged

to Russia, to be no longer under the territorial protection of Russia. "In the region of Dvinsk this line must be advanced to the Eastern fron-

regions to the Russian state must in no case involve for them obligations every claim to intervene in the in

"Germany and Austria-Hungary have the intention to define further the fate of these regions in agreenent with their populations.

"Germany is ready, after the completion of Russian demobilization, to evacuate the regions which are east of the above line. So far as it is not stated otherwise. Livonia and Esthonia must Immediately be cleared of Russian troops and Ked Guards."

"Livonia and Esthonia will be occupied by German police until the date when the constitution of the respective countries shall guarantee their social security and political order. All inhabitants who were arrested for political reasons must be released immediately.

"Russia will conclude peace with the Ukrainian People's Republic. Ukraine and Finland will be immediately evacuated by Russian troops and Red Guards.

"Russia will do all in its power to secure for Turkey the orderly return of its Anatolian frontiers. Russia recognizes the annulment of the Turkish Capitalizations.

Must Demobilize Army evacuate the regions which are east

Must Demobilize Army

"The complete demobilization of the Russian army, inclusive of the detchments newly formed by the present government, must be carried out immediately.

"Russian warships in the Black Sea, the Baltic Sea and the Arcte Ocean must immediately either be sent to Russian harbors and kept there until the conclusion of peace or be disarmed. Warships of the Entente which are in the sphere of Russian authority must be regarded as Russian ships.

"Merchant navigation of the Black Sea and the Baltic Sea must be re-

Sea and the Baltie Sea must be re-newed, as stated in the armistice treaty. The clearing away of mines is to begin immediately. The block-ade of the Arctic Ocean is to remain in force until the conclusion of a general peace.

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"The Russo-German commercial treaty of 1914 must be enforced again. In addition there must be a guarantee for the free expert, without tariff, ef ores and the immediate commencement of negotiations for the conclusion of a new commercial treaty, with a guarantee of the most favored nation treatment, at least until 1925, even in the case of the termination of the provisorium, and, finally, the sanctioning of all clauses finally, the sanctioning of all clauses corresponding to Paragraph 11 of Clauses 3, 4 and 15 of the Ukraine

peace treaty. Will Exact Damages

"Legal and political relations are to be regulated in accordance with the decision of the first version of the Germano-Russian convention. So far as action on that decision has not yet been taken, especially with respect to indemnities for civil damages, this must be in accordance with the German proposal. And there must be indemnification with expenses for war prisoners, in accordance with the Russian proposal.

"Russia will permit and support re-

"Russia will permit and support so far as she can German commissions for war prisoners, civil prisoners and

war refugees.

"Rusia promises to put an end to every propaganda and agitation, either on the part of the government or on the part of persons supported by the government, against membesr of the Quadruple Alliance and their political and military institutions, even in localities occupied by the Central Powers.

"The above conditions must be accepted within forty-eight hours. The